

REMARKS

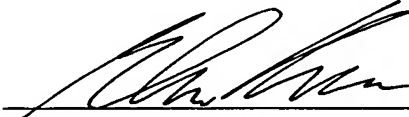
Allowable Subject Matter

Dependent Claims 14 and 25 are indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, independent Claims 1, 15, and 26 are amended to include the limitations of allowable Claim 14. Claims 14 and 25 are cancelled without prejudice. All remaining Claims are now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application. Please charge any additional fees or apply any credits to our PTO deposit account number: 23-0085.

Respectfully submitted,
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